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Viewing cable 09TRIPOLI70, LIBYA EXPECTS TO WIN CHAIRMANSHIP OF AU ASSEMBLY

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#09TRIPOLI70**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09TRIPOLI70	2009-01-29 15:09	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Tripoli

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wikileaks-files/libya-wikileaks/>

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RUEHZA/AFRICAN UNION COLLECTIVE
RUEHEG/AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY 1389
RUEHTU/AMEMBASSY TUNIS PRIORITY 0744
RUEHAS/AMEMBASSY ALGIERS PRIORITY 0876
RUEHRB/AMEMBASSY RABAT PRIORITY 0819
RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY 0993
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E.O. 12958: DECL: 1/29/2019

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SUBJECT: LIBYA EXPECTS TO WIN CHAIRMANSHIP OF AU ASSEMBLY

CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy - Tripoli, U.S. Dept of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

- [1](#). (C) Libya appears to have secured North African support for its bid to take over chairmanship of the African Union in 2009. In a January 26
 - [12](#). (C) Seemingly on track to secure the chairmanship, Libyan representatives focused on building support for proclamation of a "United States
 - [13](#). (C) Comment: While there is little chance that Libya will achieve al-Qadhafi's vision of a United States of Africa in the short term, chair
- CRETZ